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# Bush Is Unfit for the CIA, Church Asserts

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WASHINGTON — The nomination of George Bush to head the CIA came in for strong criticism yesterday in hearings before the Senate Armed Services Committee, with Sen. Frank Church (D., Idaho), saying Bush "is not the right man for this particular job."

Although Bush seemed likely to win committee approval, two committee Democrats, John Culver of Iowa and Patrick Leahy of Vermont, announced that they would vote against him.

A third committee Democrat, Henry Jackson of Washington, who is running for his party's presidential nomination, said that President Ford, for the good of the CIA, should remove Bush from the list of possible vice-presidential candidates and Bush should pledge to serve for at least

a year.

Bush said, "I would serve at the pleasure of the President, although I have every intention of serving at least a year."

Culver, in announcing his opposition, said, "The intelligence community now requires leadership of transcendent qualities if disinterestedness and the power to evoke public confidence. The next director must be a builder, not a curator."

Committee Chairman John C. Stennis (D., Miss.), who indicated support of Bush, may call for a vote on the nomination as early as today, and a vote by the full Senate could come by Friday.

Church, the chairman of the Senate Select committee on Intelligence, appeared only as a witness yesterday in the second and final day of hearings before the committee.

He argued that Bush, because he once headed the Republican National Committee and because he now refused to withdraw his name from vice-presidential speculation, "has not demonstrated his independence," and was not the man "to begin the restoration" of public confidence in the CIA.

He said the CIA was supposed to be nonpolitical, nonpartisan and independent, and that it had become the target of criticism and congressional investigations because it had not been those things.

Here we stand, in the close wake of Watergate, and before us as the candidate for director is a man with a strong partisan political background and a beckoning political future," Church said. "At the very least, this committee should insist that the nominee disavow any place on the 1976 presidential ticket."

Sen. John Tower (R., Tex.), vice chairman of Church's committee, told Church, "A committee has been formed for your presidential campaign. Does that fact make your investigation of the CIA merely an act of politics?"

Church said he would step down as committee chairman if he formally announced his candidacy for President. He added that the presidency was a partisan office, while the directorship of the CIA was not.